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President Begaye invites Gov. Ducey, Sen. McCain to Navajo Code Talker Day



President Begaye and Vice President Nez honored Navajo Code Talkers on July 4, during Navajo Code Talker Appreciation Day. President Begaye invited Gov. Doug Ducey and Sen. John McCain to Navajo Code Talker Day on August 14. (Photo by Rick Abasta)

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.— Honor the legacy and heroism of the Navajo Code Talkers.

That was the message from Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye to Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and Senator John McCain on Aug. 4, 2015.

President Begaye invited Gov. Ducey and Sen. McCain to Window Rock on Aug. 14 for Navajo Nation Code Talker Day at Window Rock Tribal Park, beginning at 10 a.m.

“Navajo Code Talker Day was initially proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan on

July 14, 1982. Since 2006, Navajo Code Talkers Day has been celebrated by the living Navajo Code Talkers and their families in Window Rock, Arizona, Navajo Nation,” President Begaye stated in his letter.

The Navajo Nation Council, during the 2007 winter session, passed a resolution that designated Aug. 14 as a Navajo Nation Holiday. Since that time, Navajo Code Talkers and their families have been celebrating the holiday in Window Rock.

The Navajo Nation Office of

the President and Vice President is working with the Navajo Code Talker Day Planning Committee for various events scheduled for Aug. 14, including a parade that begins at 9 a.m. at the Navajo Nation Museum.

The main event will commence at 10 a.m. at the Window Rock Tribal Park.

“You will be given an opportunity to speak to our Navajo heroes and their families,” President Begaye stated.

A private meeting inside the Office of the President and Vice

President is also planned later in the day for President Begaye, Vice President Jonathan Nez, Gov. Ducey and Sen. John McCain.

There will be a 5K run to serve as a fundraiser for the Navajo Code Talkers on Saturday. On Aug. 16, the Code Talker 29K run will also take place and will be a part of the Navajo Parks Race Series.

OPVP and Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Program are co-sponsoring the Code Talker 29K.

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